[Mr. P. R. Godavarma Raja.]

(*b*) who is entrusted with the work ;

(*c*) how many volumes are necessary to bring them up-to-date ;

(*d*) whether any volume is ready for publication ;

(*e*) the total cost the work may involve ; and

(*f*) the probable cost of each volume ?

**Mr. Puthupalli S. Krishna Pillai :** (*a*) There was such a proposal and a provision of Rs. 10,000 as the first instalment of the cost involved in the work was made in the budgets for 1115 and 1116 ; but owing to the increase in the price of paper on account of war conditions, the proposal has not yet materialised.

(*b*) and (*d*) These do not arise in view of the answer to part (*a*).

(*c*) About four or five volumes may be necessary.

(*e*) At the time the proposal was made the cost was estimated at about Rs. 50,000.

(*f*) This can be known only after each volume is published.

## ADJOURNMENT MOTION.

**President :** I have received notice of a motion for the adjournment of the business of the House to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, namely, " the situation created by the proposal of the Government of Burma to impose duty on rice exported from Burma. " Mr. Anantasiva Aiyar has given notice of this motion. I regret that it is not possible for me to admit it because there is correspondence now pending between the Government of India and this Government on this very matter. I may, however, assure the House and through this House the country at large, that the minds of the Government of Travancore are greatly exercised over this question. The question whether it is possible for the Government of Burma, which so long as it remained a portion of British India was not entitled to levy such duties, to impose a duty now that it has been separated, is a question which arises incidentally. But, quite apart from what may be called the legal aspect of it, other aspects have also been pressed very strongly ; and all that I can say, whilst I am not able to allow discussion of a subject which is under correspondence with the Government of India, is that honourable members may be satisfied that this Government are doing all they can to deal with the situation which they concede is a difficult one. I therefore disallow the motion.

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